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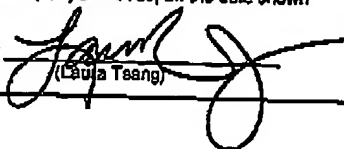
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 14, 2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 02/23/2005), for which a response was due on June 14, 2006. Filed herewith is a *Petition* and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 14, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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